

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Development of Aviation Infrastructure

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has informed that privatisation of airports and aviation infrastructure in India has "failed to deliver" the benefits and the passengers and the economy have continued to suffer high costs, if so, the details thereof;
- (b): whether as per the report of IATA, the Government has suffered loss due to the privatization of the airports infrastructure and maintenance of the same and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c): whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is seeking more funds from the Government to develop airports to keep pace with the robust growth that is expected to take place in the sector;
- (d): if so, the details of the funds AAI has spent on the development of airports during the last three years, airport-wise;
- (e): whether the Government has taken up the expansion of such infrastructure at Madurai airport also and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f): the present status of developmental works undertaken/being undertaken by the Government at Madurai Airport under the Regional Air Connectivity Scheme?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a): No Madam. Ministry of Civil Aviation has not received formal representation from IATA against privatization of the airports. ;
- (b): No airport in the country has been fully privatized. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has awarded Delhi and Mumbai airports to two separate joint venture companies on a long term lease basis under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Three new airports at Bangalore, Hyderabad and Cochin are also operational under PPP model. This has enabled creation of world class airports with benchmark infrastructure and passenger services as reflected in the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) ranking carried out globally by the Airports Council International . PPP model has also led to rise in the collection of revenues, especially non-aeronautical revenues which translates into increased sustainability of the airports . The growth of PPP airports at Delhi and Mumbai also helped AAI to make investment in Tier-II & Tier-III cities by earning more than Rs.10000 crores in revenue share in last 10 years. Thus, PPP in airport sector has been a successful story.
- (c): AAI is not seeking any Government grant/aids for development of airports except for airports at Pakyong (Sikkim), Tezu in Arunachal Pradesh wherein no commercial prospects are expected in future.;
- (d): Airport-wise details of amount spent by AAI during the last three years are at Annexure I;
- (e): Madurai airport is presently a Customs airports with Runway 09/27 dimension 2286mx45 m suitable for operation of A-320/B737-800 type of aircraft. AAI has further undertaken several works at Madurai airport for its upgradation and expansion such as strengthening and extension of Runway, expansion of Apron, isolation bay. A new integrated terminal building complex for handling 700 passengers at a time including two aerobridges has been constructed. Besides, AAI has also converted part of old Domestic passenger terminal building to Common User Domestic Cargo Terminal. ;
- (f): Madurai airport is not covered under the Regional Air Connectivity Scheme as infrastructure is already available for operations.